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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Current Support Staff, St/CS
THROUGH: Chief, Economic Research, CH/E
THROUGH: Chief, Resources Division, D/R *W*
FROM: Chief, Fuels Branch, R/FU
SUBJECT: Proposed Current Brief, Supply of Petroleum
in Communist China, 1962

1. Attached are three copies of subject brief for approval and publication.

2. This review type brief which describes the estimated supply of petroleum products in Communist China was prepared as a result of consumer interest in certain problems which the Chinese Communists face in support of the China/India border war. The Air Force, Army, Navy and components of CIA have made inquiries regarding this subject.

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3. The estimates of imports of petroleum for 1962 were based

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[REDACTED] U.S. Navy shipping reports were also used to estimate tanker deliveries. Estimates of production ~~are in effect~~, ~~reasoned guesses~~ and show only orders of magnitude. The estimates were developed on the basis of China's earlier capability to produce from the various oil deposits and to utilize refining capacity. The estimate of crude oil production for 1962 represents an increase of about 27 percent over 1959, the last year for which published data are available, or an average annual growth rate of only about 8 percent.

4. In the interest of speeding the publication of this brief, coordination within ERA is being conducted pending approval of publication.

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5. [REDACTED] (extension 5018) is the responsible analyst for this brief.

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